

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 11, 13 and 15-19 are pending in the present application.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants thank the Examiner for including the initialed Form 1449 that was filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on April 29, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Office also provide the Applicants with initialed Forms 1449 that were filed with previous Information Disclosure Statements.

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on November 2, 2001, and again as a duplicate Information Disclosure statement on June 12, 2003. Further, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) on September 12, 2002, and again as a duplicate Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on June 12, 2003. Applicants have also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on June 18, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all legible copies of the cited documents on these Information Disclosure Statements. To date, Applicants have not received any initialed PTO-1449 corresponding to these submitted Information Disclosure Statements. **Applicants note that these Information Disclosure Statements are reflected as part of the file history on PAIR, and therefore consider that the Examiner has considered the references disclosed therein.**

Rejection of claims 2-5, 11, 13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 2-5, 11, 13, and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore et al. (5,798,438)

The Examiner states that Moore et al. disclose a fiber comprising a twist. Applicants assert that Moore et al. discloses only a fiber with **a reduced fiber diameter**, not a fiber with a twist. For example, Moore et al states that “[w]hile the flame scans along the fiber, the two stages are slowly moved in opposite directions in order to stretch the fiber and reduce its diameter.” col. 3. ll. 49-51. Moore et al does not include any disclosure or suggestion of a fiber twist or the formation of such a fiber twist. At least because Moore does not teach or suggest a

fiber that comprises a twist separating the fiber into a plurality of fiber sections, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

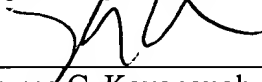
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000. Should a further extension of time be required other than provided for, Applicant hereby petitions for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account, **No. 06-1448, Reference KVC-038.01.**

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